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and it makes it really, really hard to predict. We'll get some improvement in prediction. We'll have a relatively ambiguous system nonetheless when we get all done with it.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you. I guess my comment would just be we're hearing from our friends in the lobby and other places that this is quite a monumental bill that's gone forward. In a way it is, in some respects, but a lot of states want a lot more of this disclosure and one of the shocks to me when I went on Appropriations was to learn that the only way our Fiscal Office had any information about LB 775 was to watch monthly the amount that was reported in the Department of Revenue for people making application. This isn't to dispute what Senator Brashear is saying about all of the disclosure that's there, but as a legislative body one of the things we really need to know...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...is how much we owe, and it's really hard to put a budget together without that. So to the extent that this helps that issue, that's a good thing and we should support that so that we have better knowledge, not only of what Senator Redfield and Senator Raikes were talking about and Senator Hartnett about information to the Legislature so that we understand the impact of the programs we have and know what we should be doing in terms of modifications and what's working, and that's a good thing. And our Fiscal Office, our branch of government should have that, but we probably should have more. And so it's amazing to me that this is the first time in a long time we've had these discussions that have been taken seriously and part of that is my fault for not being engaged in this issue very actively as a member of this Legislature, not having served on the Revenue Committee, and...

SPEAKER BROMM: Time.

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...quite frankly, not understanding it. So I do support the bill and thank you for your time.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Thompson. Senator Hartnett.